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MSHDA 2008 QUALIFIED ALLOCATION PLAN
CSH Michigan Program Comments 10-24-07

Corporation for Supportive Housing

Our mission: 'CSH helps communities create permanent housing with services to prevent and end homelessness'

CSH Michigan appreciates the opportunity to comment on the revised draft QAP plan and thanks MSHDA and its Board of Directors for taking extensive public comments. We are in favor of the overall goals of the plan and intent to serve the lowest income tenants, people with special needs and under served populations with this valuable and scarce resource. This has proven to be an open and responsive process, with many opportunities to comment at public hearings and by submitting written comments. The resulting revised QAP that was just released is responsive to the comments and issues that were raised.

In general, we are in support of the revised provisions of the QAP. CSH works in some 30 states in either program offices or varied capacities and has reviewed QAPs nationally- a new QAP review is about to be published. What we are seeing nationally is that the geographic targeting (that is included in Michigan's QAP draft) is common and routinely done around the country. Additionally, the extended affordability period that is proposed is also something that is commonly done in other states QAPs.

We have made specific comments earlier with statistics and citations as to the need and level of homelessness around the state. No plan is going to make everyone happy and efforts have been made to incorporate the comments, best thinking and suggestions that have surfaced from partners around the state and elsewhere. This plan is good and should be adopted because we have all had the opportunity to have a healthy public discourse on its merits and provisions. This plan should be adopted because there is room for everyone, there is a role for everyone and there is a need for everyone to be involved both For-profit and nonprofit, rural and urban. The current state of our state is evidence enough that our collective effort is needed now more than ever before.

**"The test of a society is not whether we add to the abundance of those who have much. It is whether we provide enough to those who have little."
Franklin Delano Roosevelt**

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